

the old year. They are many. Each one of the 366 days in the year 1896, brought us an opportunity to do something for God and man.

How many of these opportunities have gone by unimproved? We cannot now recall them. Time however has not yet ceased. Instead of spending our time lamenting over the losses of the past year, let us awaken to the fact that we have entered upon another year, and that there yet remains a great work for us to do. Let us begin now and improve every moment as it comes. Then when the year 1897 closes we may not have cause for similar regret.

PSALM THE NINETIETH.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years, as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work

of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

Personal Mention.

Three accessions reported by Brother Summers.

Brother Puterbaugh reports four accessions at Lanark, Ill.

Brother Zed H. Copp reports one baptism and one confession December 20.

Brother J. Allen Miller preached two excellent sermons in the College Chapel last Sabbath.

Brother William F. Stout reports a meeting held at Cedar Junction, Kansas, which resulted in three accessions.

In this issue Brother Mackey gives a brief report of his year's work. Twenty-two have been added since April 1.

Brother G. A. Ruff reports work moving along nicely in the North Georgetown congregation. One accession since last report.

Brother W. C. Cobaugh says he is well pleased with the paper and will try to get all the subscribers for it he possibly can.

When last heard from brother R. R. Teeter reported five accessions at Flora, Ind., with many halting between two opinions.

Brother Yoder has had several accessions since his last report—two of them splendid young men, who he says leave tobacco and all other nuisances behind.

Brother A. O. Humphry, reports a pleasant communion service held at the home of Brother Roberts, Waynesville, Mo., at which eleven members communed.

Under date of December 24, Sister Grossnickle writes from Pioneer, Ohio: "Meetings still in progress. Good roads, good crowds, good interest, and three confessions."

Brother Arthur Brubaker, we are pleased to learn, is again able to do some ministerial work. When last heard from he was holding a meeting at Olathe, Kansas, with good interest.

Brother Walter Clark renews his subscription to the paper, sends 40 cents for the tract fund and adds: "I will work hard to help make up the 3000. The circulation should be 5000 instead of 3000."

On last Sabbath the Ashland City Church engaged the services of Brother Alvin Byers as pastor for a term of nine months. The choice was a unanimous one and Brother Byers is now to devote all his time to the ministry.

Brother J. H. Swihart closed a four week's meeting at the Bethel Church which resulted in thirty-five accessions. A report of this meeting appears in this issue. It is an other glorious victory for the Gospel-alone doctrine.

On a postal card sister C. H. Black says: "Last October brother L. W. Ditch began his fourth year as pastor at our place. We intend to begin a series of meetings the first Sunday of the new year. All are invited to be with us. Remember us in your prayers."

Brother E. H. Smith reports two accessions at New Enterprise; two applicants at Riddlesburg, and more than a score at a new point. Meeting will be reported later. Brother Smith is an indefatigable worker—one who knows no defeat. He is meeting with deserved success.

Since December 16, we have not heard from Brother Furry's meeting at Sweet Home, Ind., but on that date he wrote: "Services at Fairview still in progress. Twelve baptized thus far. Four yet to be baptized. One reclaimed. Am preaching to large audiences. Two of our anxious young men public school teachers, and graduates will prepare themselves for our ministry. They are bright, studious and consecrated."

Brother McFaden reports progress in his work in the city. On a postal card he says: "Since my last, we have had two additions by confession. We will get a baptistery soon as possible and be prepared for work. This makes four confessions we have had so far, and look for more. In a strange city, and only two months at work, shows what can be done. There are many things to do, and numerous obstacles in the way, but by God's help we will do the work and surmount the obstacles. Pray for us. As soon as I get out of heavy Christmas work will report in full." This is certainly very encouraging. Be sure to read his letter on another page. He has promised us a letter each week.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We, the Finance Committee of Ashland University, duly authorized by the National Conference of the Brethren Church, do hereby give notice to the various congregations of the Church throughout the United States to send in their apportionments during the month of January, to the secretary of the aforesaid committee, and request of them to be prompt in so doing, as the time for the committee to adjust the indebtedness of the institution is limited. In the meantime, we shall continue the canvass by our several efficient solicitors to assist the remaining few yet unprepared to raise their apportionments. Such will kindly notify the committee of the need of help, which will be furnished. The same may be sent in New York exchange, or post office money orders.

Yours fraternally,

Ashland University Finance Com.

JOHN KEIM, Sec.

NEW ENTERPRISE, PA.

Last Sunday I received two members into the fold at New Enterprise—one by baptism and one from the G. B.'s, being husband and wife in their sixtieth year. We expect Brother Bowman, of Virginia, to assist us in our revival at New Enterprise, as we find it to be an impossibility to carry out our program for this winter without calling in some one to help us. Have two applicants at Riddlesburg, and more than a score at a new point, from which you will hear more in the future. Pray for us.

E. H. SMITH.